diseases as per schemes. The wards of the beedi workers are also given financial assistance for their education. During April to September 2002, 305381 patients were treated and Rs. 31 lakh (approx.) was spent on their health care. Educational assistance of Rs. 83.75 lakh was given to children of beedi workers and a subsidy of Rs. 29 lakh was sanctioned to construct 295 houses.

Unemployed educated youth

2299. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of unemployed educated youth particularly the Graduates and Post Graduates in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) what steps the Central and State Government have take to provide employment to the unemployed youth of the State within a timeframe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The number of graduate and post-graduate job-seekers, all of whom are "not necessarily unemployed on the live register of employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on 31.10.2002 was of the order of 3.2 lakh and 0.48 lakh respectively, district-wise information is not maintained.

(c) The approach to Tenth Plan focuses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the tenth Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of tenth Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities, which have a large employment potential. This will help in providing employment to the educated youth of the country including Andhra Pradesh.